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CERTIFICATES

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OF

DOCTOR PERKINS'S

Patent Metallic Instruments.

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To the *PUBLIC.*

SENSIBLE that every attempt at improvement in any of the uſeful arts, ever has, and probably ever will meet with oppoſition, either from intereſted or *certain* other motives, which in a greater or leſs degree influence the generality of mankind,—the ſubſcriber takes the liberty to cite a few among very many caſes in which his method of removing pains, inflammations, and ſpaſmodic affections from the human body, has been attended with ſucceſs. The novelty and apparent ſimplicity of this practice, may poſſibly induce ſome, before they have attended with candor to the ſubject, to treat it with ridicule. That the public may be more ſatisfactorily informed as to its utility and importance, he publiſhes the following certificates, as received from ſeveral reſpectable characters.

ELISHA PERKINS.

PLAINFIELD, OCTOBER, 1796.

BRITISH MUSEUM

CERTIFICATES, &c.

GEN. TYLER, AND MR. LORD.

I JOHN TYLER, of Preſton, in the county of New-London and State of Connecticut, hereby certify, that on or about the 17th day of June laſt, I was confined by a *Wound*, which I had before that time received, by *cutting my right leg tranſverſely*, ~~in~~ which I had taken cold; and at that time the ſore was in a high ſtate of inflammation, and gave me great pain, to ſuch a degree that I had been obliged to keep my leg in a horizontal poſition, in a chair, the moſt of that day,—when Doct. *Eliſha Perkins*, of Plainfield, called on me, and having operated on me a few minutes with his patent metallic inſtruments, the pain in my leg wholly ceaſed, and the redneſs and inflammation of the wound entirely diſappeared. I was free from pain that night, and indeed the pain and inflammation both ceaſed from that operation, and never returned again.

And I further certify, that my wife at that time was ſorely afflicted with rheumatic pains in her hip, which had been upon her a number of years, and had affected her to ſuch a degree as to render that ſide ſhorter than the other, and to make her unable at that time to raiſe herſelf from her chair without the greateſt difficulty, or to walk acroſs the room without learning on her ſtaff, and with that ſupport, not without the greateſt inconvenience; and Doct. *Perkins* operated upon her a few minutes, when ſhe declared herſelf free from pain, and immediately roſe from her chair, without any aſſiſtance or apparent difficulty, and walked ſeveral times acroſs the room without her

ſtaff, or any other ſupport, and has continued to this time able to walk in that manner; not having complained of, or been troubled with pain in the night (of which ſhe had much complained before;) and has truly been to all appearance, a different perſon, as to the uſe of her limbs, from the time of that operation, from what ſhe had been for years before.

JOHN TYLER.

Preſton, July 29, 1796.

I THE ſubſcriber was preſent at the time of the above operation, and fully concur in the above ſtatement of facts by Gen. *Tyler*.

JAMES LORD.

MR. NATHAN GLOVER, & MR. AMOS SIMONS.

I NATHAN GLOVER, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that for ſeven years paſt, I have been frequently viſited with ſevere turns of the *Quinſey*, which (notwithſtanding the application of internal and external means, adminiſtered by the moſt ſkilful neighboring phyſicians) have never left me within eight or ten days.

About the firſt of July, 1796, I was again ſeverely attacked by this diſeaſe, and in about twenty-four hours, my throat became very much ſwelled and inflamed, and extremely painful. I was at this time viſited by Doct. *Perkins*, who operated on the diſeaſed part, with his patent metallic inſtruments.

The pains after two or three operations, wholly left me, and the inflammation entirely diſappeared; the ſwelling did not maturate and break as it had uſually done,—but in about twenty-four hours wholly ſubſided, and my throat became perfectly well.

The turns of the Quinſey which I have heretofore had, through not more ſevere in their firſt attacks than this, have never left me ſhort of the term of eight or ten days; whereas this continued but two: And I have no doubt but it would have *no doubt but it would have* laſted as long as the others, had not Doct. *Perkins* operated with his inſtruments. I believe the cure to be effected wholly by his means.

NATHAN GLOVER.

Plainfield, Auguſt 9, 1796.

I THE ſubſcriber was reſiding at the houſe of Mr. *Glover*, and was preſent at the above operation, and perfectly agree with him in his ſtatement of facts.

AMOS SIMONS.

CAPT. JOSHUA BOTTUM.

I JOSHUA BOTTUM, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that I have been troubled with a *rheumatic pain* in my arm for four months, which was often extremely diſtreſſing. Having heard much of the ſurpriſing efficacy of Doct. *Perkins's* patent inſtruments, but being myſelf an unbeliever in this method of removing pains, in conſequence of the ſuggeſtions of his enemies, I neglected uſing his means, until on or about the 15th of July, when I myſelf operated on my pained arm about ſix minutes, and to my utter ſurprize, the pain entirely ceaſed, and has never returned. I have every reaſon to believe that a radical cure was effected by that one operation.

JOSHUA BOTTUM.

Plainfield, Auguſt 5, 1796.

Mr. and Mrs. SNOW.

I ELIZABETH SNOW, of Plainfield, in the ſtate of Connecticut, certify that in the month of June, 1795, I was ſorely afflicted with pains in my ancles, which had ſettled there after a ſevere fit of ſickneſs, and had troubled me to ſuch a degree that I became very weak and emaciated. In this unhappy ſituation I continued about three months, until in the month and year above-mentioned, I applied to Doctor *Eliſha Perkins* who viſited me and operated on the pained part of my ancles, with his metallic inſtruments. Immediately the pain ceaſed and has never ſince returned. I am perſuaded a radical cure was at that time effected.

ELIZABETH SNOW.

Plainfield, Auguſt 3, 1796.

I THE ſubſcriber fully concur with my wife, in the above ſtatement of facts. ABRAHAM SNOW.

Mrs. STERNS.

I HERBY certify, that I have been troubled with pain and weakneſs in my wriſt, for upwards of ſix years, attended with a *ſwelling* which had become hard and protuberant, about the ſize of a walnut.

In November laſt, Doctor *Eliſha Perkins* operated on the part affected, with his metallic inſtruments, which gave an immediate relief; and I have experienced no pain there ſince. The *ſwelling* very ſoon ſubſided, and my wriſt is in all reſpects as well as ever.

RACHEL STERNS.

Plainfield, Auguſt 2, 1796.

DOCTOR RUFUS JOHNSON,
A Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut.

I CERTIFY, that in the courſe of my practice, a few months paſt, I have made frequent experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* patent inſtruments, and have with but very few exceptions, ſucceeded to my great aſtoniſhment, removing *rheumatic pains, head-achs, agues in the face, cramp-convulſions, and inflamatory ſwellings of the throat.*

The pains after being once eaſed, have in but few inſtances returned; and then by a repetition of the operation, have been wholly removed.

From my own practice, and from what I know of the practice of others, I eſteem Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains, a very important and uſeful improvement in the *healing art*; and wiſh that his inſtruments may be generally diſperſed, that mankind at large may have it in their power by theſe ſimple means, to eaſe themſelves of moſt of the bodily pains which ſo many experience.

RUFUS JOHNSON, Phyſician.

Canterbury, Auguſt 10, 1796.

DOCTOR T. BACKUS,
Member of the Medical Society, of the State of Connecticut.

I THE ſubſcriber was called on the 4th inſtant, to attend a patient, by the name of *James Crawſon*, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently

trouble with a *ſpecies of epileptic fits*.—When I firſt ſaw him, he had experienced in the courſe of the day, about twelve, each of which uſually held him nearly fifteen minutes. At the commencement of one of them, I took from him about fourteen ounces of blood; but diſcovering no happy effect, I applied Doctor *Perkins'* patent metallic inſtruments to his right leg, in which he uſually experienced the firſt attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately became limber and free from ſpſams, and he ſoon revived without ſuffering a general convulſion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the ſymptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was univerſally convulſed with an entire loſs of reaſon. I then applied the inſtrument to his right leg, ſix or eight ſtrokes, when the ſpaſms immediately ceaſed, and he recovered his reaſon. In a ſhort time, he was ſeized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the laſt, the inſtruments not being applied until a general convulſion had taken place. I then ſeated myſelf on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more ſeaſonably. Here I very ſoon diſcovered the ſymptoms again, but by applying the inſtruments, the ſymptoms immediately diſappeared. Several others at intervals, commenced with their uſual ſymptoms, by ſo contracting and cramping the right leg, that the utmoſt exertions of two men were ſcarcely able to ſtraighten it, each of which were, in leſs then a minute removed by five or ſix ſtrokes of the inſtruments, before they had extended to the other parts of the body, the leg almoſt inſtantaneouſly becoming perfectly lax.

By the requeſt of a number of gentlemen, who were then preſent, when the ſymptoms of one appeared, I ceaſed to operate, that we might determine whether the above operations had prevented the general convulſions, which before the applications of the inſtruments, had always ſucceeded the firſt attack in his leg. Immediately he fell into a ſevere fit, which appeared in one univerſal ſpaſm. In this ſituation, I ſuffered him to continue a few minutes, when by applying the inſtruments to

his leg again, in leſs than one minute he was entirely free from any kind of ſpaſm, and immediately recovered his reaſon. I ſtill continued by his ſide, and prevented ſeveral other general attacks by operating with the inſtruments at the beginning of the ſymptoms. About one hour and a half after the firſt operation, the fits entirely ſubſided. He became eaſy and experienced none of thoſe diſagreeable ſenſations, which he ever had after former attacks of this kind. He informs that he had uſually been afflicted with theſe fits except at a few intervals, about twenty four hours from the time they firſt commenced, and it is preſumed the application of the metallic inſtruments, not only ſhortened the fits, but leſſened their number, as at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their firſt commencement, and about an hour and a half after the firſt application of the inſtruments. He further obſerves, that he has diſcovered none of that debility which had univerſally ſucceeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than uſual.

THOMAS BACCUS, *Phyſician.*

We the ſubſcribers were preſent at the above operations and fully agree with Doctor *Bachus*, in his ſtatement of facts.

CHARLES MILLER,
JOHN LESTER,
PHINEHAS KINDAL,
JOHN PIKE,
RECOMPENCE HALY.

Plainfield, Aug. 9, 1796.

DOCTOR JAREB DYER,
Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, and Surgeon to the 21ſt Regiment.

I CERTIFY, that for ſeven years paſt, I have been troubled with almoſt a conſtant *Rheumatic pain*

in my left ſhoulder. For the two laſt years it has gradually increaſed till it became very diſtreſſing, and has been attended with a ſtiffneſs, to ſuch a degree that I could not raiſe my hand to the top of my head without great difficulty. On or about the 18th June laſt, I myſelf operated on my ſhoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor *Perkins's* patent tractors.—The pain, to my great ſurpriſe, wholly left me within ſix minutes, and my ſhoulder was ſoon freed from its former ſtiffneſs, ſo that I could move that arm and ſhoulder with the ſame eaſe, that I could the other.—The pain has but once returned, and then very lightly, in conſequence of ſevere exerciſe: It was immediately removed by applying the tractors.

I further certify, that I have been afflicted with a pain in my head for twenty years paſt. It has uſually come on in the fore part of the day, and continued ten or twelve hours. Has often been very diſtreſſing. About the time of the above operation, I applied the inſtruments to my head, when in ſevere pain. I was in a few minutes eaſed, and the pain has not yet returned. For three years before this operation,—I do not think I have been three weeks at a time free from this complaint. From what I have experienced, and heard of the efficacy of Doctor *Perkins's* inſtruments, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind.

JAREB DYER, Phyſician.

Canterbury, Auguſt 11, 1796.

DOCTOR EBENEZER ROBINSON.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been acquainted with Doctor *Perkins'* method of removing pains and inflammations by pointed metallic inſtruments, for near a year: that I have frequently operated myſelf, and have generally had ſucceſs in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds, among which, are

pains of the head, burns, and rheumatiſms, that I have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable diſcovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON.

Plainfield, Auguſt 10, 1796.

Capt. CYRUS SPAULDING.

I CYRUS SPAULDING, of Plainfield, in the ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that from the month of May, to the month of July, 1795, I was in a feeble, debilitated ſtate, and was afflicted with almoſt a conſtant pain acroſs the ſmall of my back, which at times was very ſevere. In the month of July, I applied to Doctor *Eliſha Perkins*, for phyſical aid: He propoſed removing my pain with his metallic inſtrument, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in ſuch apparently ſimple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I conſented to his operating on the affected part; when in a few minutes, to my great aſtoniſhment, the pain wholly left me, and has never ſince returned.

CYRUS SPAULDING.

Rev. JOEL BENEDICT.

I JOET BENEDICT, of Plainfield, certify, that I was preſent at the time that Capt. *Cyrus Spaulding* was eaſed of pain by Doctor *Perkins*, as certified above; and that I have alſo myſelf ſeveral times removed pains of different kinds by his patent metallic inſtruments. Cures performed in this way appear to me as real, and no more liable to a relapſe, than thoſe by any other means. The cure of an accidental ſcald, I have

myself experienced. The pain was relieved in a few minutes, and the ſoreneſs ſoon left it and the cure was entire. I am perſuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT, *Paſtor of a church in Plainfield.*

Auguſt 10, 1796.

Rev. WALTER KING.

THIS may certify, that the ſubſcriber has been preſent, in ſundry inſtances, where pains have been apparently removed by the application of metallic inſtruments, invented and improved by Doctor *Eliſha Perkins* of Plainfield, and that the uſe of ſaid inſtruments appear to me, to promiſe extenſive benefit to ſociety.

WALTER KING, *Paſtor of the ſecond Church in Norwich.*

Norwich, Auguſt 12, 1796.

Rev. SOLOMON MORGAN.

I HEREBY certify, whom it may concern, that I have had opportunity of making uſe of Dr. *Eliſha Perkins's* tractors, in caſes of pain in the head, and burns, and have ſucceeded to the relief of the patients; and from what I have heard from others, I believe that ſaid tractors are uſeful to the removing of many of the pains to which we are ſubject, and think that a more general uſe of them, may be for the benefit of mankind.

SOLOMON MORGAN, *Paſtor of the firſt church in Canterbury.*

Canterbury, Auguſt 10, 1796.

Rev. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

I CERTIFY that on the 21ſt of March, 1796, I ſaw Doct. *Perkins's* method of cure by pointed metallic inſtruments, tried with ſucceſs, upon ſeveral patients in the poor-houſe or bettering-houſe in Philadelphia ;— eſpecially upon a man who was unable to lift his right hand to his head, as was tried before hand, but who after a few minutes operation, was able to remove it at pleaſure, and in my ſight, put it with eaſe on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the ſame effects took place upon a woman ; and all that I ſaw treated profeſſed that their pains ceaſed after being treated a ſhort time: And ſeveral came voluntarily, and in my hearing, thanked the Doctor for cures he had performed on them about eight weeks before, in removing pains from them, which they declared had not ſince returned. So that from what I ſaw with mine own eyes, and what I have heard, I have great hopes that this method will greatly tend to alleviate the miſeries of mankind. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1796.

Rev. MICAIAH PORTER.

I MICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, certify, that I have myſelf made repeated experiments with Doctor *Perkins'* metallic inſtruments, for removing pains and inflammations ; that I have almoſt invariably ſucceeded to my own aſtoniſhment, in curing head-aches, teeth-aches, rheumatiſms and burns : In other complaints, I have not had opportunity for trial : But I am fully convinced, from my own experiments, and from what I have known of others, that this method of removing pains and inflammations from human bodies, is a very important diſcovery, and that it muſt contribute very much to alleviate the diſtreſſes and infirmities to which our frail bodies are ſo liable.

MICAIAH PORTER, *Paſtor of the firſt church in Voluntown.*

Auguſt, 9, 1796.

Windham County, Aug. 16, 1796.

WE the ſubſcribers certify, that from a variety of caſes, which have occured, not only in our own practice, but in that of our neighbouring phyſicians, we are *fully convinced* of the utility of Doctor *Perkins's* patent metallic inſtruments, in removing various pains, ſpaſms and inflamatory affections from the human body, and that the diſcovery is of importance to the healing art.

*JOSEPH BAKER,
*JONATHAN HALL,
*ELISHA LORD,
*JOHN BREWSTER,
} Fellows of the Medical Convention.

THOMAS HUBBARD,
Member of the Medical Society.

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* Doctors Baker, Hall, Lord and Brewſter, with the author of the metallic diſcovery, are the five repreſentatives from Windham county to the Connecticut Medical Convention.

Extract of a letter from John Vaughan, M.D. State of Delaware.

CHRISTIANA, JULY 14, 1796.

"DEAR SIR,

I HAVE operated in a few caſes only with your inſtruments, for but few have offered ſince I poſſeſſed them.—One caſe of *nervous* or *hyſteric head-ach*—perfectly cured—a caſe of *odantalgia* relieved. The third a young man, who had fallen ten or fifteen feet on the edge of an open ended hogſhead, and received a conſiderable contuſion, in the Umbilical Region, with *Tumefaction*. I bled him three times to little purpoſe.—But after about two minutes operation, with the inſtruments, he exclaimed, in extaſy—"I am well—I am well—my pain is gone." The pain, however returned in a leſs degree, but in thirty or forty minutes went off entirely, and he went to work as uſual?"

Your friend and obliged humble ſervant
JOHN VAUGHAN.

DR. ELISHA PERKINS.

Rev. LEVI HART.

THIS may certify, That the ſubſcriber has been witneſs to the ſucceſs of the application of Doctor Perkins's Patent Metallic Inſtruments, in various inſtances for the removal of pains of the head and other parts of the human body—of rheumatic diſtreſs, and of pain occaſioned by bruiſes, where it was exquiſite—and the cure has been effected in a ſhort time without any other application.

From perſonal experience, he is fully ſatisfied of the utility and importance of the diſcovery.

LEVI HART.

Preſton, October 10, 1796.

Rev. CALEB BRADLEY, and Dr. JAMES GOSS.

WE the ſubſcribers, of Glouceſter, in the county of Eſſex, and State of Maſſachuſetts, certify that we this day ſaw Doctor Perkins' Patent Metallic Points applied with ſucceſs on a child of Mr. James Smith, of fifteen months old, which had been about an hour before the application very ſeverely *ſcalded*, by falling into boiling fat, with one hand and arm; on which large bliſters were raiſed. After a few minutes' operation, the redneſs and fire almoſt wholly diſappeared, and the child appeared to be eaſed of pain.

JAMES GOSS, Phyſician.
CALEB BRADLEY, Preacher of the Goſpel.

Glouceſter, October 19, 1796.

Mr. EDWARD HILL.

I EDWARD HILL, of Dorcheſter, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Maſſachuſetts, hereby certify, that I had been afflicted with the *Rheumatiſm* and *gout*

at times, for nine years paſt, and at length to ſuch a degree as to be unable to walk. But upon application to Doctor Eliſha Perkins for the uſe of his Patent Metallic Inſtruments, I was in the courſe of two days ſo recovered as to be able to walk without any pain.

EDWARD HILL.

We the ſubſcribers were knowing to the facts as above ſtated.

NATHAN WEBB.
RALPH POPE.

Boſton, Sept. 23, 1796.

Col. JONATHAN GLOVER.

THIS certifies, That I viſited Dr. Eliſha Perkins about the 20th September laſt, with a *violent chronic pain in one of my feet*, which the Doctor by applying his Tractors removed immediately. Upon my return to Marblehead, I felt a pain as uſual, in my other foot, but which, on applying the Inſtruments, which I purchaſed of the Doctor, was removed directly.

I alſo applied them to Capt. Fettyplece's knee and foot, which were ſorely afflicted with pain, and relieved him immediately. Several others I relieved of pains; particularly a pain in a lady's arm, and the *pleuriſy* in a lady's ſide.

JONATHAN GLOVER.

Boſton, October 5, 1796.

Mr. CONSTANT FREEMAN, Maſter of the Almshouſe, Boſton.

THIS certifies, that Dr. Eliſha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, viſited the Poor Houſe of this Metropolis, about three weeks ago, and performed operations on ſeveral patients, with his celebrated Metallic Points; among whom he performed his operation on

one John Patterſon. He had been in this Poor-Houſe for ſix months with the Rheumatiſm—Two months of which he was confined to his bed—Four months he had hobbled about with crutches, when Dr. Perkins performed the operation; ſince which he has thrown aſide his crutches, and walks only with a ſtaff, which he uſes, not for the Rheumatiſm, for he has none, but merely for a ſupport, as his thigh bone was then and ſtill remains diſlocated.

Nancy Blake was alſo cured, by the Doctor, of the Rheumatiſm in the ſmall of her back, which had conſtantly afflicted her for more than three years. It has not returned yet.

Benjamin Roſs I cured myſelf of the Rheumatiſm in the ſmall of his back and hip. This was ten days ago; it has not returned.

Lewis Dumeth, a Frenchman, was operated upon by the Doctor, for the Rheumatiſm in his lower extremities, which had confined him to his bed and crutches for months: but no ſooner was he operated upon than he threw aſide his crutches—walked about the houſe—has walked about the town ſince, and has had no return of the Rheumatiſm in either leg.

CONSTANT FREEMAN.

Boſton, October 5, 1796.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

MR. JOHN PUNCHARD.

SALEM, Oct. 19, 1796.

SIR,

I HAVE operated repeatedly with your Metallic Points, and have ſucceeded in removing Rheumatic pains, agues, pains in the head, face, ſide, and

burns, to my aſtoniſhment, and to the aſtoniſhment of all preſent—I cured a man burnt with powder, in leſs than half an hour, with the Points, without any other application.

JOHN PUNCHARD.

JAMES GLOVER, Eſq—*Norwich, County of Tioga, State of New-York, Sept.* 19, 1796.

SIR,

HAVING lately purchaſed a ſet of your Patent Inſtruments to keep in my family, I have uſed them with great ſucceſs on a perſon ſcalt with boiling lye—a man by the name of Welch, who was at work in my pot aſh, when boiling down the lye, ſome of it flew into one of his eyes—which ſoon became very much inflamed, and ſwelled to ſuch a degree, that he could not open it—and remained in that ſituation, for the ſpace of three days, when after a few minutes operating with your patent inſtruments, he was able to open it, and with two operations only, his eye was almoſt entirely free from pain and inflammation, and in a ſhort time was perfectly well, although ſo badly ſcalt he had almoſt deſpaired of its ever recovering, &c.

JAMES GLOVER.

REV. WALTER KING.

SIR,

THE frame and utility of your Patent Inſtruments have become ſubjects of ſo much notoriety and ſpeculation, that almoſt all pained people are deſirous of making trial of them. Their efficacy, within my knowledge, appears to be increaſing.

I am more and more confirmed in the benefit of the

diſcovery, and cannot think but they will continue as long as the pains of the human body ſhall need them.

From your much obliged and cordial friend and ſervant,

WALTER KING.

Dr. Eliſha Perkins.

REV. DR. ROBBINS, of Plymouth.

Sept. 24, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

'SEVERAL perſons, ſince you left us, have experienced immediate relief, in various complaints, by the Metallic Points.

I operated day before yeſterday on a man's hand, which was prodigiouſly ſwelled, and painful, by a wound he received on the back of it, which he neglected and got cold in. It was much inflamed--But was relieved by that ſingle operation: The ſwelling ſubſided, and the inflammation went away, ſo that he went directly to work on board his veſſel---He told me the laſt night it gave him no trouble.'

CHANDLER ROBBINS.

BAZALEEL WOODWARD, Eſq. *Profeſſor of Philoſophy and Mathematics, Dartmouth College.*

Hanover, New-Hampſhire, Sept. 19, 1796.

Dr. Eliſha Perkins,

SIR,

I HAVE made uſe of your Pointed Metallic Inſtruments in various diſorders; and beſides univerſally abating and generally removing pains in the head, face, teeth, &c. by application of them, I have found them uſeful in the *ſalt rheum*. Only one opportunity has preſented for an effectual trial—that has cured the

patient by three applications, which being noiſed abroad, ſundry perſons affected with that diſorder have been at my houſe this week to have the operation performed on them, and the diſorder has abated on the firſt application, ſo that the preſent proſpect is, that cures will be effected, for them, by further uſe of the inſtruments. A violent pain proceeding from a ſtrain in the foot has by a few minutes application of the inſtruments been removed ſo as not to return.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your moſt obedient and humble ſervant,
BAZALEEL WOODWARD.

REV. DOCTOR STILLMAN, *of Boſton.*

October 6, 1796.

Dear Sir,

'I FEEL myſelf much obliged to you, for the important ſervice you have rendered to Mrs. *Stillman's* eyes, after a diſtreſſing inflammation of eight months. If, through too much exerciſe, or being expoſed to very cold air, a degree of inflammation returns, it is removed in a few minutes again by the application of your Points.

I have, in my walks among the ſick, made uſe of them repeatedly with ſucceſs; and cannot but think that they will be of important benefit to mankind.'

SAMUEL STILLMAN.

To Dr. Eliſha Perkins.

PIERPOINT EDWARDS, ESQ. Diſtrict Attorney for the State of Connecticut.

New-Haven, October 7, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

I SHOULD have written you laſt week, had I then been able to aſcertain certain facts, the rumour of which I had heard. A Mrs. Beers, a near

neighbour to me, the wife of Eber Beers, and daughter of Capt. Samuel Huggins, of this town, had been, for fourteen weeks, exceedingly diſtreſſed with the Rheumatiſm, to ſuch a degree, that for the laſt fourteen weeks, previous to the 29th of laſt month, ſhe had not been able to walk acroſs her room, even with crutches, ſave only once, when ſhe made out, with the aſſiſtance of crutches, to hobble part of the way acroſs her room.— On the 29th of September laſt ſhe procured a ſett of your Metallic Subſtances, and in leſs than an hour after ſhe had began to uſe them, in the manner directed by you, ſhe roſe from her chair, and walked about her houſe, and on the next day ſhe went abroad to her neighbours, having thrown aſide her crutches. I have this day paid her a viſit, in company with her father, Timothy Jones, Eſq, who lives in the ſtreet where ſhe reſides and directly oppoſite to her reſidence, and with Capt. Abel Burrett, who is her next neighbour, and lives within eight yards of her door. I requeſted her to relate her caſe over in their preſence, which ſhe did; and theſe gentlemen all, with one voice, ſupported, from their own knowledge, her ſtory. It is a duty which you owe yourſelf and the world to promulge this event.

I am, very reſpectfully,
your obedient ſervant,
PIERPOINT EDWARDS.

N. B. She ſays her fever has left her, her appetite has returned, and ſhe is in a fair way to be reſtored to perfect health.

MANY other certificates and letters might have been inſerted relative to the diſcuſſion of biles and fellons, cures of gouts, &c. but it is preſumed that enough is here exhibited to convince an unprejudiced mind, that the metallic inſtruments promiſe important benefit to mankind.

Meaſures have been purſued that they may be obtained in various parts of the United States. The following is a liſt of the names and places of abode of ſome who

have the transfers and patent inſtruments for ſale.

DOCTOR *Thaddeus M'Cartey, Keene, New-Hampſhire,*
Nathan Smith, M. D. Dartmouth College, do.
Rev. John Smith, Dighton, Maſſachuſetts.
Doctor Joſeph Trumbull, Peterſham, do.
Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do.
Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do.
Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do.
Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamſtown, do.
Rev. Henry White, Briſtol, Rhode-Iſland.
George Burrill, Eſq. Providence, do.
Doctor John Aldrich, Hopkinton, do.
Capt. Ladd, Newport, do.
Doctor Daniel Coit, Norwich, Connecticut.
Doctor Jonathan Hall, Pomfret, do.
Doctor Thomas Hubbard, do. do.
Doctor Joſeph Baker, Brooklyn, do.
Doctor Penuel Hutchins, Killingly, do.
Doctor Joſeph Coit, Thompſon, do.
Doctor Aſa Spaulding, Stonington, do.
Doctor Samuel Willard, Stafford, do.
Doctor Ripley, Norwich, do.
Doctor Thomas Backus, Plainfield, do.
Doctor Jareb Dyer, Canterbury, do.
Doctor Rufus Johnſon, do. do.
Doctor Lee, jun. Windham, do.
Doctor John Pierce, Lebanon, do.
Hon. Nathaniel Niles, Eſq. Fairlee, Vermont.
Doctor Aaron Kinſman, Newbury, do.
Doctor Joſeph Lord, St. Johnſbury, do.
Amaſa Dingley, M. D. New-York.
James Clark, M. D. and Son, do.
Doctor Samuel Neſbit, jun. do.
Doctors Wilſon & Prentice, do.
Elijah Perkius, M. D. Philadelphia.
James Tilton, M. D. Wilmington, Delaware.

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